

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for processing and monitoring software bug related information for use in software package development, the method being performed by executing on a computer instructions tangibly stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a bug tracking system which is accessible using an Internet browser;
processing user identification information including a password; and
providing, in response to said user identification information, at least one bug tracking related menu, the contents of which vary based on the user's role in the software development process.

2. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, wherein the user is a video game tester and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game testers.

3. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, wherein the user is a video game project coordinator and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game project coordinators.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the user is a video game developer and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game developers.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the user is a video game translator and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game translators.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ A method according to claim 1, further ~~including the step of comprising~~ providing a plurality of bug tracking menus related to identified software under development.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 1, further ~~including the steps of comprising~~ accessing a master bug log identifying a plurality of bugs in a selected software package under development.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 1, further ~~including the steps of comprising~~:

accessing a database and retrieving data indicative of a plurality of bugs in a selected software package; and

sorting the bugs based upon any one of a plurality of sorting criteria selected by a user.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ A method according to claim 8, wherein said sorting criteria includes video game stage.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ A method according to claim 8, wherein said sorting criteria includes a video game character.

11. Cancelled.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 8, wherein said sorting criteria includes the type of bug.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 8, wherein said sorting criteria includes the reported date of the bug.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 1, further including the step of comprising:

transmitting a bug related message using a provided bug related menu from a first user having a first role in developing said software package to a second user having a second role in developing said software package.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~[[A]]~~ method according to claim 14, wherein said first user is a software tester and said second user is a software package developer.

16. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 14, wherein said first user is a software project coordinator and said second user is a software package project coordinator.

17. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, further ~~including the~~ step of comprising associating a digitized video file, for visually displaying at least one screen display showing an identified bug, with a bug description.

18. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, further ~~including the~~ steps of comprising:

generating a bug related communication using a bug tracking related menu;

encrypting said bug related communication; and

transmitting said bug related communication to a recipient via the Internet.

19. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, further ~~including the~~ step of comprising accessing a test plan identifying a plurality of tests to be performed with respect to an identified software package.

20. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 1, further ~~including the~~ step of comprising editing bug related information using said at least one bug tracking related menu.

21. (Currently Amended) A method of processing and monitoring software bug related information for use in software package development, the method being performed by executing on a computer instructions tangibly stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a bug tracking system which is accessible using an Internet browser;
- processing a first user identification information including a password;
- providing, in response to said user identification information, a bug tracking related menu, the contents of which vary based on a first role, of said first user, in the software development process;
- editing bug related information using said bug tracking related menu; and
- transmitting at least the edited bug related information via the Internet to a second user having a second role different from the first role in developing said software package.

22. Cancelled.

23. (Currently Amended) The[[A]] method according to claim 21, wherein the first user is a video game tester and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game testers.

24. (Currently Amended) The[[A]] method according to claim 21, wherein the first user is a video game project coordinator and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game project coordinators.

25. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, wherein the user is a video game developer and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game developers.

26. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, wherein the user is a video game translator and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game translators.

27. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, further including the step of providing a plurality of bug tracking menus related to identified software under development.

28. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ accessing a master bug log identifying a plurality of bugs in a selected software package under development and wherein said editing step includes the step of selecting an edit function from said master bug log.

29. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, ~~further including the steps of~~ comprising:

accessing a database and retrieving data indicative of a plurality of bugs in a selected software package; and

sorting the bugs based upon any one of a plurality of sorting criteria selected by a user.

30. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 28, wherein said sorting criteria includes video game stage.

31. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 28, wherein said sorting criteria includes a video game character.

32. Cancelled.

33. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 28, wherein said sorting criteria includes the type of bug.

34. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 28, wherein said sorting criteria includes the reported date of the bug.

35. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, further comprising ~~including the step of:~~ transmitting a bug related message using a provided bug related menu from said first user having a first role in developing said software package to said second user having a second role in developing said software package.

36. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 35, wherein said first user is a software tester and said second user is a software package developer.

37. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 35, wherein said first user is a software project coordinator and said second user is a software package project coordinator.

38. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ associating a digitized video file, for visually displaying at least one screen display showing an identified bug, with a bug description.

39. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, further ~~including the steps of~~ comprising:

generating a bug related communication using a bug tracking related menu;
encrypting said bug related communication; and
transmitting said bug related communication to a recipient via the Internet.

40. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 21, further ~~including the step of~~ comprising accessing a test plan identifying a plurality of tests to be performed with respect to an identified software package.

41. (Currently Amended) A method of processing and monitoring software bug related information for use in software package development, the method being performed by executing on a computer instructions tangibly stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a bug tracking system accessible via the Internet;

processing user identification information including a password, wherein the processing includes determining the aspects of a system that a user is entitled to access based on a user's role in the development process;

retrieving from a database associated with said bug tracking system a list of bugs associated with an identified software package; and

sorting said list of bugs in accordance with any of one a plurality of user selected sort criteria.

42. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ providing, in response to said user identification information processing, at least one bug tracking related menu, the contents of which vary based on the user's role in the software development process.

43. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 42, wherein the user is a video game tester and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game testers.

44. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 42, wherein the user is a video game project coordinator and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game project coordinators.

45. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 42, wherein the user is a video game developer and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game developers.

46. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 42, wherein the user is a video game translator and wherein said step of providing said bug tracking related menu includes the step of providing a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game translators.

47. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, further including the step of providing a plurality of bug tracking menus related to identified software under development.

48. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, wherein the step of retrieving a list of bugs includes the step of accessing a master bug log menu identifying a plurality of bugs in a selected software package under development and wherein said sorting step includes the step of sorting in response to the selection of a sort function on said master bug log menu.

49. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, wherein said sorting criteria includes video game stage.

50. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, wherein said sorting criteria includes a video game character.

51. Cancelled.

52. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, wherein said sorting criteria includes the type of bug.

53. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, wherein said sorting criteria includes the reported date of the bug.

54. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ transmitting a bug related message using an accessed bug related menu from a first user having a first role in developing said software package to a second user having a second role in developing said software package.

55. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 54, wherein said first user is a software tester and said second user is a software package developer.

56. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 54, wherein said first user is a software project coordinator and said second user is a software package project coordinator.

57. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ associating a digitized video file, for visually displaying at least one screen display showing an identified bug, with at least one bug in said list of bugs.

58. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, further ~~including the~~ steps of comprising:

generating a bug related communication using a bug tracking related menu;

encrypting said bug related communication; and

transmitting said bug related communication to a recipient via the Internet.

59. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] A method according to claim 41, further ~~including~~ the step of comprising accessing a test plan identifying a plurality of tests to be performed with respect to an identified software package.

60. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 41, further comprising ~~including the step of~~ editing bug related information using at least one bug tracking related menu.

61. (Previously Presented) A software bug related processing and tracking system comprising:

a first computer system for use by a software developer including a processing system for executing an Internet browser;

an encryption system coupled to said first computer for encrypting data transmitted via the Internet by said first computer;

a second computer system for use by a software tester including a processing system for executing an Internet browser;

a third computer system for use by a software project coordinator including a processing system for executing an Internet processor; and

a web server for storing a bug tracking system and for permitting an authorized software developer, an authorized software tester, and an authorized project coordinator to access said bug tracking system and to communicate with each other via said bug tracking system, and in response to received user identification information, including a password, for providing at least one bug tracking related menu, the contents of which vary based on the user's role as a software developer, software tester or software project coordinator in the software development process.

62. Cancelled.

63. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein the second computer system for use by a software tester is a computer system for use by a video game software tester and wherein said web server is operable to provide a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game testers.

64. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein the third computer system for use by a software project coordinator is a computer system for use by a

video game software project coordinator and wherein said web server is operable to provide a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game project coordinators.

65. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein the first computer system for use by a software developer is a computer system for use by a video game software developer and wherein said web server is operable to provide a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game developers.

66. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein the first computer system for use by a software developer is a computer system for use by a video game software translator and wherein said web server is operable to provide a bug tracking related menu tailored to video game translators.

67. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server includes an associated data base storing a plurality of bug tracking menus related to identified software under development, and wherein said web server is operable to provide said plurality of bug tracking menus related to identified software under development.

68. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server includes an associated data base storing a master bug log identifying a plurality of bugs in a selected software package under development.

69. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server includes a database storing data indicative of a plurality of bugs in a selected software package; and wherein said web server is operable to sort the bugs based upon any one of a plurality of sorting criteria selected by a user.

70. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 69, wherein said sorting criteria includes video game stage.

71. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 69, wherein said sorting criteria includes a video game character.

72. Cancelled.

73. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 69, wherein said sorting criteria includes the type of bug.

74. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 69, wherein said sorting criteria includes the reported date of the bug.

75. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server is operable to transmit a bug related message using an accessed bug related menu from a computer of either the first computer system, the second computer system or the third computer

system to another computer of either the first computer system, the second computer system or the third computer system.

76. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server is operable to transmit a bug related message using an accessed bug related menu from a computer of the second computer system to a computer of the third computer system.

77. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] A system according to claim 61, wherein said web server is operable to transmit a bug related message using an accessed bug related menu from a computer of the third computer system to another computer of the third computer [[system..]]
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78. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server is operable to associate a digitized video file for visually displaying at least one screen display showing an identified bug with a bug description.

79. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server is operable to access a test plan identifying a plurality of tests to be performed with respect to an identified software package.

80. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] system according to claim 61, wherein said web server is operable to edit bug related information in response to user input via at least one bug tracking related menu.

81. (Currently Amended) A method for processing and monitoring software bug related information for use in software package development, the method being performed by executing on a computer instructions tangibly stored on a computer-readable storage medium, the method comprising the steps of:

enabling access to a bug tracking system using an Internet browser;

processing user identification information including a password from a first user having a first role in the software development process which is different from at least a second role, of at least a second user, in the software development process;

providing, in response to said user information from the first user, at least a first bug tracking related menu, the contents of which vary based on the first user's role in the software development process;

processing user identification information including a password from the second user;
and

providing, in response to said user identification information from the second user, at least a second bug tracking related menu, different from the first bug tracking menu, the contents of which vary based on the second user's role in the software development process.

82. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 81, wherein either the first or second user is a video game tester and correspondingly either the first or second bug tracking menu is tailored to video game testers.

83. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 81, wherein either the first or second user is a video game project coordinator and correspondingly either the first or second bug tracking menu is tailored to video game project coordinators.

84. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 81, wherein either the first or second user is a video game developer and correspondingly either the first or second bug tracking menu is tailored to video game developers.

85. (Currently Amended) The [[A]] method according to claim 81, wherein either the first or second user is a video game translator and correspondingly either the first or second bug tracking menu is tailored to video game translators.